

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An interface card for a device with  
image output capabilities, comprising:

5 a connector for connecting to the device;

a controller for sending data for output of  
an image of a quick-start guide from the interface  
card to the device through the connector, wherein  
the data is sent once without error after the card  
10 is installed in the device.

2. The interface card according to  
Claim 1, further including a non-volatile memory,  
15 wherein the controller stores an indication  
in the non-volatile memory that the data has been  
sent without error in a case that the data has been  
sent without error,

20 wherein the interface card uses the  
indication to determine if the data has been sent  
once without error, and

25 wherein the interface card is reset with  
respect to whether the data has been sent by  
resetting the indication.

3. An interface card for a device with  
image output capabilities, comprising:

30 a connector for connecting to the device;

a controller for sending data for output of  
an image of a quick-start guide from the interface  
card to the device through the connector, wherein  
the data is sent once without error, and once  
without error following each reset of the interface  
card with respect to whether the data has been sent.

35 4. The interface card according to  
Claim 3, further including a non-volatile memory,

~~wherein the controller stores an indication in the non-volatile memory that the data has been sent without error in a case that the data has been sent without error,~~

5 ~~wherein the interface card uses the indication to determine if the quick-start guide has been sent once without error, and~~  
10 ~~wherein the interface card is reset with respect to whether the data has been sent by resetting the indication.~~

15 ~~5. An interface card according to Claim 4, wherein the interface card comprises a network interface card, and wherein the device generates printed output and is connectable to a network through the interface card.~~

20 ~~6. An interface card according to Claim 5, wherein the data is sent in the form of a print job.~~

25 ~~7. An interface card according to Claim 5, wherein the quick-start guide includes networking information for connecting the device to the network through the network interface card.~~

30 ~~8. An interface card according to Claim 4, wherein the interface card comprises a CD-ROM interface card, and the device comprises a computer system.~~

35 ~~9. An interface card according to Claim 8, wherein the computer system has a display connected thereto, and wherein the image of the quick-start guide is output through the display.~~

~~10. An interface card according to Claim 8, wherein the computer system has a printer~~

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~~connected thereto, and wherein the image of the quick-start guide is output through the printer onto a recording medium.~~

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11. An interface card according to  
Claim 8, wherein the controller sends the data from  
the CD-ROM interface card to the computer system by  
performing the following steps of:

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sending a signal to the computer system  
that ordinarily would be sent when a CD-ROM has been  
inserted into a CD-ROM drive connected to the CD-ROM  
interface card;

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intercepting a request from the computer  
system for a filename for an executable program;

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sending the filename for the executable  
program to the computer system in response to the  
request for the filename, the executable program  
residing in the CD-ROM interface card;

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intercepting a request from the computer  
system for the executable program; and

sending the executable program to the  
computer system in response to the request for the  
executable program,

wherein when the computer system executes  
the executable program, the executable program  
causes the computer system to output an image of the  
quick-start guide.

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12. An interface card according to  
Claim 4, wherein the interface card comprises a DVD  
interface card, and the device comprises a computer  
system.

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13. An interface card according to  
Claim 4, wherein the interface card comprises a  
display interface card, and the device comprises a

~~display that is connectable to a computer system through the display interface card.~~

5 14. An interface card according to  
Claim 13, wherein the data comprises RGB pixel  
information and synch information.

10 15. An interface card according to  
Claim 4, wherein the controller also detects if the  
data is sent without error.

15 16. An interface card according to  
Claim 4, wherein the controller detects information  
about the device and modifies the data in accordance  
with the detected information.

20 17. An interface card according to  
Claim 4, wherein the non-volatile memory comprises a  
NVRAM.

25 18. An interface card according to  
Claim 17, wherein the NVRAM stores firmware for the  
interface card, and wherein in a case the firmware  
is updated by reloading the NVRAM, the indication  
that the data has been sent without error is reset.

30 19. An interface card according to  
Claim 4, wherein the non-volatile memory comprises  
an EEPROM.

35 20. An interface card according to  
Claim 19, wherein the EEPROM stores firmware for the  
interface card, and wherein in a case the firmware  
is updated by flashing the EEPROM, the indication  
that the data has been sent without error is reset.

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21. An interface card according to  
Claim 4, wherein the device has a housing and  
wherein the interface card is disposed within the  
housing.

22. An interface card according to  
Claim 4, wherein the device has a housing and where  
the interface card has a housing different than the  
housing for the device.

23. An interface card for a device with  
image output capabilities, comprising:  
a connector for connecting to the device;  
a memory for storing data for output of an  
image of a quick-start guide;  
a non-volatile memory for storing an  
indication of whether or not the data has been sent  
without error to the connector;  
a controller responsive to application of  
power for (1) sending the data to the connector in a  
case that the indication stored in the non-volatile  
memory indicates that the data has not been sent  
without error; and (2) storing the indication that  
the data has been sent without error in a case that  
the data has been sent without error to the  
connector.

24. A network interface card for  
connecting an image output device to a network,  
comprising:  
a connector for connecting to an image  
output device;  
a memory for storing data for output of an  
image of a quick-start guide;  
a non-volatile memory for storing an  
indication of whether or not the data has been sent  
without error to the connector;

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a controller responsive to application of power for (1) sending the data to the connector in a case that the indication stored in the non-volatile memory indicates that the data has not been sent without error; and (2) storing the indication that the data has been sent without error in a case that the data has been sent without error to the connector.

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